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SUBJECT: SOVIET PARTIAL TROOP WITHDRAWAL
REFS: (A) STATE 313955, (B) STATE 308306
1. (U) ACCORDING TO CNN CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW, THE AFGHANISTAN EMBASSY OCTOBER 8 EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO ABOUT 25 MOSCOW-BASED U.S., EUROPEAN, AND JAPANESE JOURNALISTS TO VISIT AFGHANISTAN AROUND OCTOBER 15-16 FOR POSSIBLE "TROOP WITHDRAWAL" EVENT. ACCORDING TO THE JOURNALIST, SOVIET OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THAT THEY WOULD DEFINITELY SEE A "TROOP WITHDRAWAL" EVENT.
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2. (U) U.S. NEWS ORGANIZATIONS INVITED BY DRA INCLUDE CNN, UPI, LOS ANGELES TIMES, AND NBC.
3. (C) EMBASSY HAS ARRANGED TO BACKGROUND RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISTS AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL.
4. KABUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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